



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Last week we welcomed back our children for the second half of the Summer Term and our classrooms have already been their usual hive of activity. Please read on for a round-up of our most recent news and events...

Staffing Update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Boorman for all of her hard work and dedication she has shown over the last seven years at Girton Glebe Primary School. From September, Mrs Boorman will be enrolled on an Initial Teacher Training course as she moves towards her qualification as a primary school teacher. It will be sad to see Mrs Boorman leave us but we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

In July we will also be bidding a fond farewell to Mrs Lythgoe who has accepted the position of Smartkidz manager in Haddenham where Mr Smart has expanded his after school provision to include Robert Arkenstall Primary. I am sure that you will join me thanking Mrs Lythgoe for the service she has provided here at Girton Glebe and wish her well in her career progression.

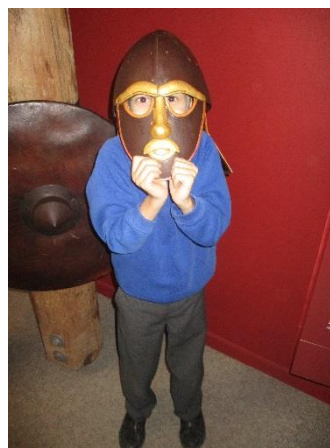
We will soon be advertising for teaching assistant positions at Girton Glebe Primary and I will continue to keep you informed of staffing changes once appointments have been made.

Swimming

Swimming sessions are now taking place each week as part of our regular PE sessions and I would like to thank all parents and carers who have been supporting us with supervision during these lessons. As always, your help is greatly appreciated and it is a pleasure to work alongside such a supportive school community.

With the weather being as hot as it has been lately, and with the forecast being as consistently warm for the next fortnight, it is essential that children come to school with sun hats, drinks bottles and a covering of suntan lotion, especially if they will be in and out of the pool during the day. The children may also bring suntan lotion with them if they need to top up during the day.

Year 3 and Year 4 Visit West Stow



Years 3 and 4 spent a thoroughly enjoyable day at West Stow Anglo-Saxon village on Monday 12 June, where they were able to visit a recreated Anglo-Saxon commune and see and touch artefacts in the museum. During the day, the children had the chance to wear some typical Anglo-Saxon costumes, as well as holding some authentic jewellery. The coffins and cremation urns were particularly enjoyed.

Thanks to the Years 3 and 4 teaching team for organising such a successful trip, together with the teaching assistants and volunteers who supported the children during the day.



Cookery at Impington Village College

Recently, our Year 3 & 4 have been attending cooking skills classes at Impington Village College. They have been making fishcakes and pizzas, learning about how to use an oven, knife handling skills and the importance of washing hands and keeping work surfaces clean and tidy.

The children really enjoyed the chance of working in the more professional kitchens at IVC and the opportunity to look inside the college during a school day.

Thanks to all the Year 4 staff, our teaching assistants and parent volunteers who made the cooking sessions possible.



Willow Class Hand Puppets

Over the last two weeks, Willow class have been learning how to sew puppets during their Design and Technology lessons.

The children chose a puppet design and carefully used running stitch to join their fabrics. They really had to persevere and they learnt a lot about not giving up.

The class found the activity very challenging but, after lots of practice, all children finished the session with a completed puppet. Well done, Willow!



Bikeability

The Bikeability Plus project got off to a great start last week. Every child in school had the chance to take part in an exciting Bike Disco (fuelled by pedal power) and to try out many different kinds of bicycles including balance bikes, tandems, recumbents and barrow bikes.

At the same time, Bikeability instructors were assessing the children's ability to ride and will be teaching follow-up *Learn-to-ride* lessons in small groups over the next few Wednesdays.

It was great to see so many parents and children enjoying the choice of cycles after school too! For the next four weeks, all the children in Ash class are having fun learning to ride balance bikes and some Year 5 and 6 children are taking part in a *Bike Maintenance Club*.

School Development

Over the past two weeks our staff meeting sessions have been focussed on developing a clear progression of key skills across all subjects in both key stages. Our staff have also received the necessary resus training to allow them to lead swimming sessions and we have also completed training on using Scratch to develop coding skills during Computing lessons.

A number of teaching assistants have also been to visit Gretton School, following our whole-school training led by their senior leadership team, to see strategies for supporting children with autism in action. Our staff found the visit incredibly useful and have already begun to action strategies that they saw in place at Gretton.

Diary Dates

Mon 19 – Fri 23 June: World Celebration Week (visitors, workshops and a range of multi-cultural activities)

Mon 19 June: Orchestra and Instrumental Concert (1800)

Tues 20 June: Y4 Mini Olympics Day

Tues 20 June: Y6 Top Up Swimming (1000 – 1200)

Mon 26 – Weds 28 June: Y6 Induction Days at IVC

Tues 27 June: Year 5 Maths Challenge Final (1530)

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher

LUNCH MENU



50%
Contains
50% fruit



WEEK 1

Weeks commencing: 17th Apr • 8th May • 5th June • 26th June • 17th July • 18th Sept • 9th Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	East Anglian pork sausages with gravy and mashed potatoes	Chicken pasta bake with garlic bread	Yorkshire pudding with beef strips and herby diced potatoes	Roast pork, stuffing, apple sauce and gravy with roast potatoes	Oven baked battered cod fillet with tomato sauce and chips
DESSERTS	Fruit flapjack with a slice of fresh fruit ^{50%}	Apple and cinnamon crumble with custard ^{50%}	Wicked fruity Wednesday ^{100%}	Strawberry mousse and a fresh fruit slice ^{50%}	Fruit muffin with fresh milk
	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot ^{50%}	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt

WEEK 2

Weeks commencing: 24th Apr • 15th May • 12th June • 3rd July • 4th Sept • 25th Sept • 16th Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Local pork grill in a bun	Beef Bolognese with penne pasta	Barbeque chicken with rice	Roast turkey, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Fish fingers or salmon bites with tomato sauce and chips
DESSERTS	Mini chocolate brownie with fresh fruit ^{50%}	American pancake and ice cream with raspberry sauce	Wicked fruity Wednesday ^{100%}	Vanilla cheesecake	Cappuccino cake with fresh milk
	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot ^{50%}	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit yoghurt

WEEK 3

Weeks commencing: 1st May • 22nd May • 19th June • 10th July • 11th Sept • 2nd Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Pork meatballs with tomato and basil sauce and spaghetti	Beef shepherd's pie and gravy	Mega ham and tomato pizza	Roast chicken, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Fish fingers with tomato sauce and chips
DESSERTS	Waffle and ice cream	Carrot cake and fruit slice with fresh milk ^{50%}	Wicked fruity Wednesday ^{100%}	Fruit jelly with ice cream	Oat and raisin biscuit with a slice of fresh fruit ^{50%}
	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot ^{50%}

AVAILABLE DAILY!

- Seasonal vegetables
- Freshly baked bread
- Salad bar
- Fresh water

A vegetarian option is available each day if required.

ALTERNATIVE DESSERT

- Fresh fruit with a drink



Salad bar available subject to the style of service. Some menus or items on the menu are subject to change. All vegetables are seasonal with the exception of peas, sweetcorn and baked beans.